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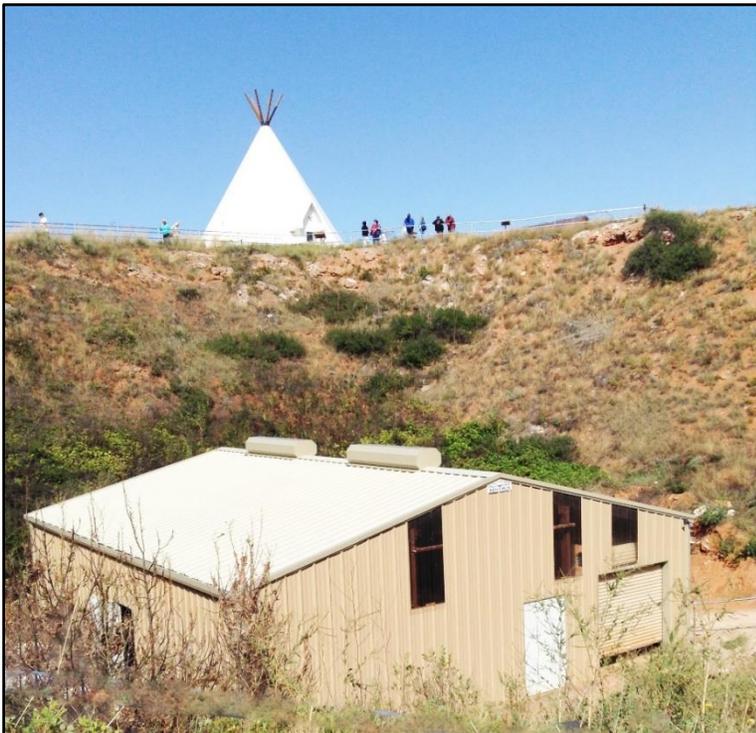
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## Elders view Buffalo Jump in Wyoming



**Sundance, Wyoming** – More than 50 White Shield Elders made their annual trip to the Black Hills on September 1 to the 3rd. They stayed at Deadwood, South Dakota where they enjoyed gambling, a variety of good restaurants, shopping and a good time.

Exploring the Buffalo Jump in Sundance, Wyoming and Devils Tower in South Dakota rounded out their outing.

One of the elders said they go on these trips just to get out and they always have a good time because there is good laughter, teasing and fun. The trips allow

elders to make these journeys with comfort and confidence. They go places that are especially focused on the welfare of the elders with wheel chairs where needed, food and water on the bus and always someone to give them a hand. ***(See rest of story and pictures on page 10)***



*From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman for White Shield*

Before I start, I would like to send out my condolences to the families that have lost loved ones recently. I would also like to send special sympathies to the Wells family with the passing of Rezilda Wells. It is hard in a time of grieving for a lost loved one, but in times like these, we all come together and help one another. This makes us so different from the rest of the world, we, as Native Americans, have a tight extended family bond that compares to no other ethnic group.

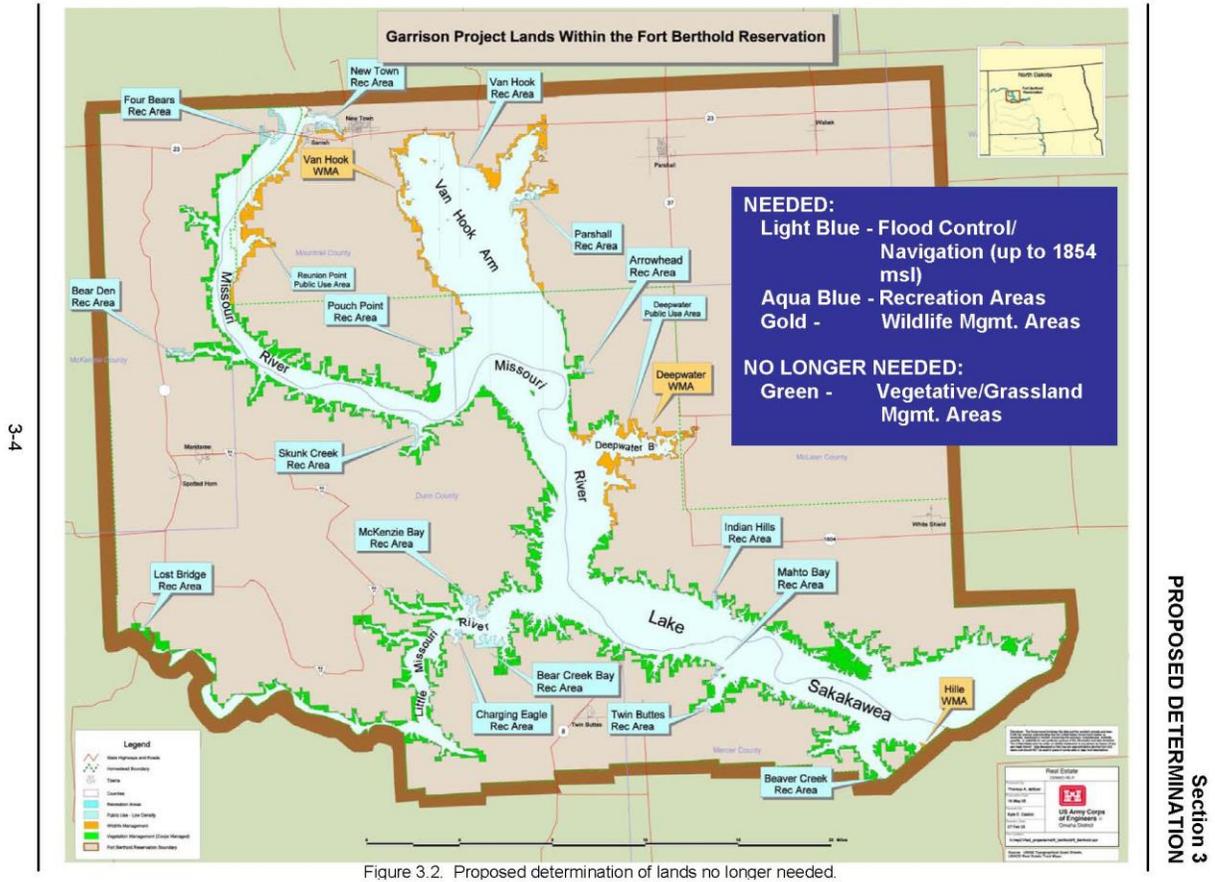
This past month we had some terrible incidents that happened in our White Shield community. There has been an escalation of crimes and drugs crimes in our community. This has caused fear in our elders and community members. I want to make this point that I will do everything possible to curb the crimes and drugs in our community. I will make it a priority that by the end of this year to have a total of 3 Law Enforcement officers in the White Shield area. I will extend our White Shield Segment Security throughout the whole community. The crimes that are being committed are from our own relatives that are addicted to drugs and alcohol. There is an epidemic of Meth and Heroin and it's on the rise and out-of-control. We know who these community members are, and they need help. I will make sure we will have Tribal Law Enforcement at every Segment/Community update. I will also make them accountable for every crime that happens in our White Shield community. I would also like to apologize to our community members for the recent crimes and break-ins that have been happening. I will make this a priority for every Judicial and Council meeting I am attending. Our concerns will be heard and taken care of.

This past month was very busy for the Tribal Business Council. They attended a lot of important and crucial meetings. Our most recent meetings were trips to Washington D.C. and Denver, Colorado for meeting with all the Federal Agencies concerning Oil & Gas development on Fort Berthold Reservation. When we were in Washington DC, we had meetings with the Army Corps of Engineer pertaining to the "Taken Lands" around Lake Sakakawea (*see map below*). These lands were promised by the United States Government to be given back after the lands were no longer needed in the Garrison Diversion Project. The Tribe has been working on this for over 10 years and it is continually held up by our State Congressional Representatives and Governors. They believe the Tribe will limit the access to the State of North Dakota, which is totally the opposite of we want to do. These lands were our ancestral lands and they need to be given back to the rightful owners. We want to promote Recreation and Tourism to strengthen our economy on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

We also met with the BIA Director Mike Black concerning the ownership of the minerals in the River Bed. The State of North Dakota is continually fighting over jurisdiction and ownership. The Tribe has a lot of royalty revenue tied up in escrow and it won't be released until ownership is decided. The Tribal Council also met with congressional leaders, Sen. Heidi Heitkamp and Sen. John Hoven. Sen. Heitkamp has been a valuable asset to the MHA Nation. She is endless fighter for Indian Country and we should all be proud to have a fellow North Dakotan fight for Native American rights.

I will make sure that we will be having a Segment/Community update every month. This is where the entire community will get to voice their concerns. I will make it priority to have Law Enforcement there along with other Tribal Council members. I want to make sure they know we need the same protection as the rest of the reservation.

I want thank everyone for coming out to the last meeting. I want to also wish everyone a safe Hunting Season and Happy Halloween. Be safe and take care. Thank you and God Bless.



**Special Thanks to Segment Representative, Fred Fox, from the Elders for always looking out for the elders and providing such an enjoyable trip to the Black Hills in September.**

**Special thanks to all the photographers who contributed to this month's News Journal.** They are: Gloria Brennan, Grover Yellow Bird, (please note Grover's pictures were taken with the iPad he received from the Elder's Technology Training) Cheryl LaCroix, Don Yellow Bird, (photos from trip to Black Hills) and Fred Fox (construction pictures).

## Elbowoods Memorial Healthcenter Public health nursing Flu Shot clinic Schedule

- Tribal Building: Wednesday, Sept. 30th & Thursday Oct. 1 from 9am-3pm
- Parshall clinic: Monday, October 5th from 9am-4pm & Wednesday October 14th from 8am-5pm
- White Shield Clinic: Tuesday, October 13th from 9am-5pm
- Northern Lights building in New Town: Tuesday, October 6th From 9am-4p & Monday, October 19th from 4pm-7pm
- White shield clinic: Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm
- Mandaree clinic: Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm & Tuesday, October 20th from 4pm-7pm
- Four Bears Casino: Tuesday, October 2 from 9am-4pm
- Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College: Wednesday, October 28th From 9am-4pm

*\*\*All clinics will be held as a walk-in clinic, first come first serve basis\*\**

### **Can the flu vaccine give you the flu?**

You cannot catch the flu from the flu vaccine. The flu vaccines that are given by needle are made with viruses that are killed or virus proteins that are artificially made. The viruses used to develop the nasal spray flu vaccine are alive but weakened.

### **Are there side effects from the flu vaccine?**

Some people experience mild side effects after getting the flu vaccine. Side effects are: soreness, redness or swelling where the vaccine was given, fever (low grade), aches, nausea.

### **Who shouldn't get the flu vaccine?**

#### **Those who shouldn't get the flu vaccine include:**

- Children younger than 6 months of age and children younger than the age for which the vaccine is approved. Approved age ranges vary by vaccine
- People who have had a severe allergic reaction to a flu vaccine in the past or people with egg allergies

You should talk to your doctor about whether the flu vaccine is right for you. Tell your doctor if:

- You have a moderate-to-severe illness with or without a fever (you should wait until you recover to get vaccinated)
- You have a history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a severe paralytic illness, also called GBS) that occurred after receiving a flu vaccine

The CDC recommends annual vaccination, but does not recommend which flu vaccine to get.

### **When is "flu season" in the US?**

Influenza can occur at any time, but most influenza occurs from October through May.

### **When should I get my flu vaccine?**

Getting the vaccine as soon as it is available can help protect you in the event flu season comes early in a particular year.

### **When does protection from the flu vaccine begin and how long will it last?**

Once you get vaccinated, it takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop. The CDC recommends that you should receive a flu vaccine every year.



**White Shield School begins the 2015 fall term with new teachers and prospects of a bigger and better building on the horizon.**



The new Headstart building is near completion but the move-in date for the staff and children will be 2016. There is too much construction, trucks moving dirt and equipment of all kinds that could be a hazard to the little ones, staff said.

It was announced that anyone who wanted to tour the buildings and see the layout (you can now see

where the community center and school will be) could have toured the site last Tuesday. One of the project managers, who was a guide on the tour, said the walls would be brought in very soon and then you will be able to see the structure of the buildings. Right now they were building the foundation which is about 5 ft of solid cement underground that will hold the building. Unfortunately, there was only a small crowd because it didn't look like there was much to see, but once those who came out to the site, found they could see the foundation and the outline of the buildings. There will be another "walk through" as the building progresses. Construction moves along quickly with the warm fall weather. Construction moves along quickly with the warm fall weather.



***R – construction moving ahead with vigor.***

***L – birds eye view of site.***



White Shield has a group of new teachers for this year. They are highlighted below. If you have time, come and say “hi” and welcome the new teachers.



**Aaron Gutman**, a man of few words, is from our neighbor city Bismarck. He graduated from NDSU in 2013.

This is his first year as a full-time teacher. So everyone welcome him.

He loves running and kayaking, which makes our area an ideal place for him.

He said he chose White Shield because it's a beautiful area and everyone was so welcoming.



**Kathleen Connors**, the sub for grades 8-12 in science for one semester, is from Bloomington, Indiana, where

she graduated with degrees in Arts & Educational Programming, English Literature, and Creative Writing. She arrived here after working for the American Indian Studies Research Institute at Indiana University for over two years, where she prepared 3,000 pages of Arikara and Pawnee historical materials for publication. From these material, she is editing two books soon to be published: **Accounts of our Past: Arikara and Pawnee Indian**

**Life, in a Young Adult** (ready within a week, from local Arikara) and Adult version (ready later this fall, also with help from local Arikara) which will include materials from many of the students' great-grandparents. She will also be gathering this semester art and writing of White Shield School high school students for a book, working with Mr. McGill and Ms. Marquard, which will be published in print and online form sometime next year.



**Tammy Kelsch**

is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at White Shield Elementary, lives in Bismarck. She was raised in Beulah, ND. She is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and her family is from Twin Buttes, ND. She is married and has five grown children. She loves to

garden, cook, and decorate weddings. Tammy graduated from United UTTC college in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She look forward to great year at White Shield Elementary.



**Nicole Jorgenson**, Powers Lake, ND, grew up on a farm and ranch in the White Earth Valley where her family

lives. She attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA where she studied Contemporary Voice and Songwriting and finished a Bachelor's degree at Minot State University in Classical Voice.

She spent 7 years living in Germany singing with the Heidelberg City Opera, composing and performing with numerous bands and ensembles, and teaching voice, piano, and musical theater at private music schools.

At the beginning of the year, she was selected to compete in "The Voice of Germany" and made it to the blind auditions but not any further. She spent time in Berlin for the auditions and production of the show which should be aired this October.

She enjoys horseback riding, spending time with nieces and nephews, and participating in sports & fitness.



**Jennifer Fox** is from New Town. Her parents are Arthur "Tom" and Bernadine Mandan. She recently moved to White Shield with her husband, Wayne, and their daughter, Ivy where she teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We like to travel in summer to sporting events and powwows. She has 18 years classroom experience and 10 years in

New Town. She also taught at Heart of the Earth Charter School in Minneapolis, Little Wound Elementary in Kyle, SD, Cannon Ball Elementary in Standing Rock and for 2 years as a Title Reading Teacher in the Mandan Public Schools. Fox earned her B.S. and M.S. from Minot State University.



**Kristina Greidanus** is the k-12 Librarian, Elementary

Reading Teacher, and Substitute teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade for the first six weeks of school. She lives in Garrison. She graduated from Missouri Southern State University with degrees in High School English, Middle School Reading, and Library K-12 in 2005. Most recently the Republic Elementary School in Republic, MO as the full-time elementary librarian. She has tutored university students

On line in Language Arts and Reading. Kristina has a two year old daughter and a son who is five.

No one, but a librarian, knows the joy of seeing a student who tells you that he/she "hates reading" then finds a book or series that hooks that student and creates a love for reading in a student. She says she genuinely love teaching reading and exploring books with students.



***New Elder apartments located north of the Nishu Elder Center, are near completion. The apartments contain both 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with community room, ambulance entry, parking and more. If interested, call MaDonna Azure (701) 898-0161 or Linda Gonzales (701) 421-5941.***

## **White Shield students participate in Basketball Skills Clinic**



***Savannah Thomas, Red Eagle Perkins, Alexus Fox, Tyler Relph, Sweet Cedar Perkins, Ivey Fox, Gabbi Nolan, Aaliyah Howling Wolf, Melissa White Bear, and Marie Howling Wolf***

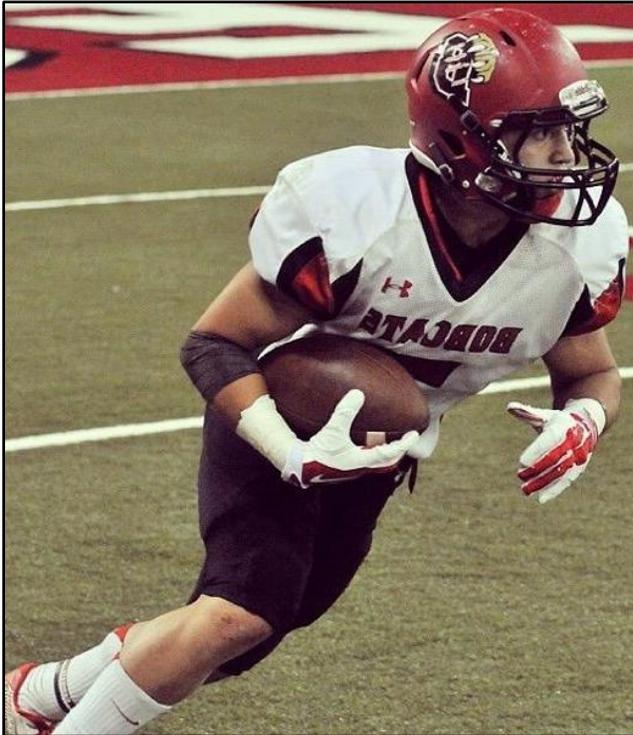
White Shield students learn about basketball in a special clinic.

The clinic was filled with hard work and knowledgeable basketball instruction. “It was a great experience for our young White Shield athletes. Thanks to those who attended and worked hard. I am proud of you girls,” said Coach Kroupa.

Kroupa said he wished a big thanks to Tyler Relph for bringing DRIVEN Training to White Shield.

Brad Kroupa (Kuunux Teerit) is Historian for the Culture Center programs, and a fitness expert who works on the ReeFit health program at White Shield.

## Tribal Member Has a Bright Future in Football



Mother, Lori Bird ..  
Father, Jacy Rabbithead  
Grand parents, Gordon and JoAnne Bird ..  
The Late Ronnie Rabbithead and Monica Rabbithead

2012 -- SD all conference special teams  
2013-- SD all conference wide receiver  
2014 --SD ALL state wide receiver  
2015-- SD Elite 45 team  
2012, 2013,2014 --- 3 time Taco Johns athlete  
(people's choice ) 3 time all conference long jumper. 3 time all register team.  
Named 2014 Brookings Bobcats football class AA MVP  
White Letter Award (7 varsity letters)  
Under Armour All American ( 1 of top 150 players in US)

South Dakota State Krogman Scholarship

Invited to play for Army team Played in the All Star football team ( only one who scored for the west).



This is one of Bird's coaches at the Under Amour All Americans. Deion Sanders (NFL Hall of Fame, pro football and baseball player) Currently working as CBS football analyst, and NFL network commentary.



## Elders Visit Buffalo Jump and Devils Tower



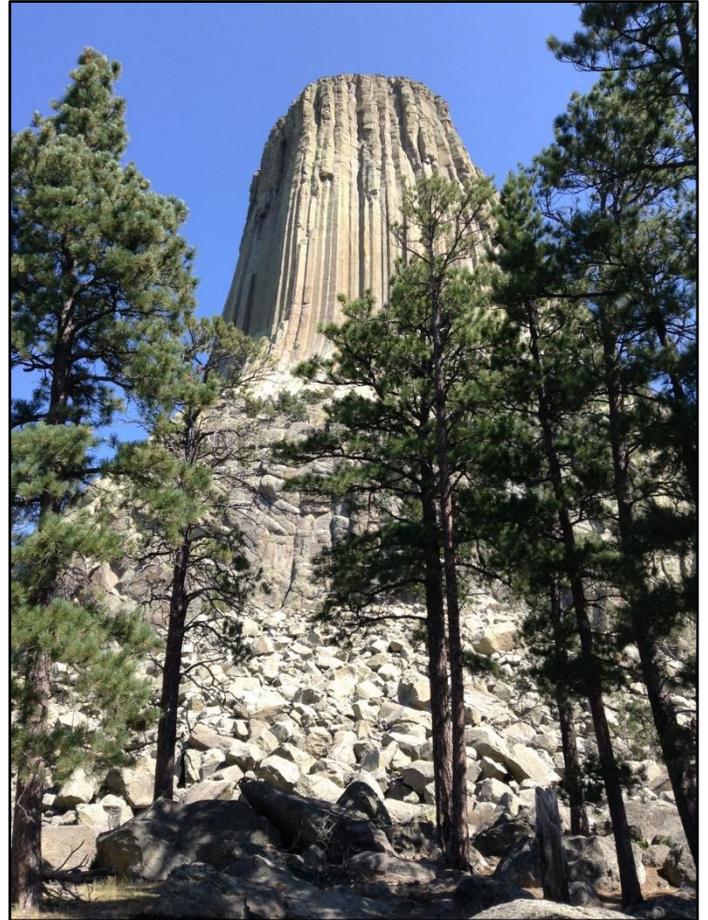
***Birdie Fox, Connie Howling Wolf and Cheryl LaCroix start down the deep hole where bones and artifacts are housed.***

The Vore Buffalo Jump was once a place great bison pastures of the northern Great Plains and the Black Hills are found. This made it an attractive place buffalo hunters years ago. This site was used by several tribes, probably including the Arikara, Hidatsa and Mandan. Historians say “events at the Vore Site can be dated with precision that is unprecedented among archeological excavations in part because the annual layers of sediment, called varves, that washed into the sink hole can be counted much like tree rings. When combined with other dating techniques, these varves allow scientists to estimate the dates of “jumps” at the site with amazing accuracy. The varves also provide evidence about weather cycles,

ecological change, and other factors of interest.” This site was interesting to the elders because on the Ft. Berthold reservation, there are also sites where buffalo were hunted and killed for food. This site has a large quantity of butchered remnants of as many as “20,000 bison as well as thousands of chipped stone arrow points, knives, and other tools. The materials are contained within 22 cultural levels that extend downward to a depth of nearly 20 feet,” historians of the site say. The guides at the site told the elders that “only about 5% of the Vore Buffalo Jump has been excavated, there is potential for decades of scientific research in several different disciplines...archaeology, tribal ethnohistory, zoology, geology, and paleoclimatic studies.”



John Red Hawk and John LaCroix are awe-struck by the size and magnificence of Devils Tower.



Devils Tower National Monument, which looms more than 1,200 feet above Wyoming's eastern plains and the Belle Fourche River, is a one-of-a-kind natural wonder. The flat-topped volcanic formation is found amid some of the state's most beautiful country.

The tower's sheer rock faces and hundreds of columns and cracks are a siren song for climbers. The tower closes to climbers during the month of June due to a voluntary climbing ban out of respect for American Indian traditional cultural activities that occur during that month.

Some facts about Devils Tower are:

Using the authority of the newly created Antiquities Act, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed Devils Tower Americas first national monument on September 24, 1906.

- It had a starring role in Steven Spielberg's sci-fi classic "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

- Also known as Bears Lodge, the tower is considered a sacred worship site by Native American people.

Rising 1267 feet above the Belle Fourche River, Devils Tower has long been a beacon, attracting people and capturing their imaginations since prehistoric times.



**2015**

**Corn Festival**

**Honoring Mother Corn**

**Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 P.M.**

**White Shield School Gym**



Speaker : Ryan Wilson Meal Awards Open Mic

Student Work

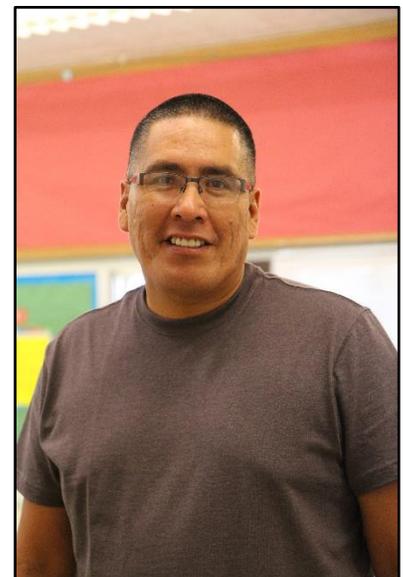
Music

**Please bring a dish to share.**



**L - Shanaya Packineau** is a student teacher in White Shield elementary programs. She is the daughter of Merv and Tina Packineau of Parshall.

**R -Wayne Fox**, 6th grade teacher has 15 years teaching/administrative experience. Earned BS from UND, MS from Oglala Lakota College and administrative credentials through MSU Bozeman. Enjoy traveling with his wife Jennifer & daughter Ivy. Originally from White Shield, his parents are Nancy & late John Fox, Jr. They have 2 "new" grandchildren: Nate Fox 1 year old & Kinsley Grace, 2 months old.





***The late Elouise Cobell meets President Barack Obama at the White House. December 8, 2010. Official White House Photo by Pete Souza***

The Interior Department just transferred another \$10 million into the scholarship fund that was created by the \$3.4 billion settlement to the Cobell trust fund lawsuit.

The fund now boasts a balance of nearly \$30 million. The first scholarships -- totaling about \$2 million -- are going out over the next several month to students representing more than 80 tribes, DOI said.

“I am thrilled that the first Cobell scholarships have been awarded. Graduating from college and law school was life changing for me, and wouldn't have been possible without financial support,” Solicitor Hilary Tompkins, a member of the Navajo Nation, said in a press release. “The Cobell scholarship program is key to advancing self-determination by opening doors to the next generation of leaders in Indian Country.”

The scholarship is seeded with proceeds from the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations. A portion of every purchase goes into the fund as Indian landowners are paid for their fractional interests, which are then returned to tribal governments.

The settlement allows up to \$60 million to be set aside for scholarships. The board of trustees that oversees the fund, however, will manage the money in order to keep the program going for much longer.

“With the beginning of the new school year and the initial distribution of funds to recipients, we are aware now more than ever of the quality, capabilities, and talents of our tribal youth. Indian Country is not immune from the national concern about rising student debt and access to education,” said Alex Pearl, a member of the Chickasaw Nation who serves as chair of the board of trustees.

The American Indian Graduate Center manages the scholarship. *Article from Indianz.com*

## OBITUARY



Norma Jean Staples  
Born: August 20,  
1940. Died  
September 18,  
2015 Norma Jean  
Staples (Husika  
mihe ~ Assiniboine  
Woman), 75, of

New Town, died Friday, September 18, 2015 in a Bismarck hospital. Norma was born on August 20, 1940 in Elbowoods, the daughter of Gilbert and Iva (Bear) Eagle. She was raised in the Short River area of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. She attended Red Butte day school, Elbowoods High School and for one year Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. She graduated from New Town High School in 1959. She then attended Haskell Indian Nations College in Lawrence, Kansas where she studied tele typing. During her younger years she was active in sports including basketball, baseball, track and field and she loved to ride horses. In 1962, she moved to Chicago, Illinois where she started to raise a family and work. She worked at the Cook County Credit Bureau for several years before moving back to New Town in 1978. Norma started her career working for the Three Affiliated Tribes at the Newsletter "Action News" before going to work for Social Services in the Material Resource Department as a clerk. She advanced to be the Director/Outreach Worker 1 and oversaw and directed the program functions for the Fuel Assistance Program and the Community Services Block Grant. She received a plaque for her outstanding service to her tribe and a pin for her many years of service. Norma always thought she didn't work for a paycheck, but worked for

the people. She was a stickler for time and went to work earlier than she needed to and if needed, would stay late to assist clients. She was a very generous woman and if clients needed help she would reach into her own pocket to provide. She knew everyone that lived on the reservation and was dedicated to her job. She enjoyed working with all her co-workers and wasn't afraid to be outspoken and give advice. She liked to joke around and always had a sense of humor. Norma was also a very religious woman and attended Abundant Life Pentecostal Church in New Town every Sunday. In her free time, Norma enjoyed playing bingo, going for car rides through the countryside and being with her family and many friends. Blessed be her memory among us.

Norma is survived by: her sons, Lloyd Johnson of New Town, Dove Johnson of New Town, Aloysius Winanz of Bismarck, Pat Staples (Audrey) of New Town and Daniel Staples of Cass Lake, MN; daughters, Sheila Sitting Crow (Tom) of Bismarck, Becky Overlie (Kevin) of New Town and Emily Staples of Cass Lake, MN; mother, Iva Deane of New Town; sisters, Connie Price of New Town and Yvonne Eagle of Fort Yates; 26 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Joe and Hester Sitting Crow Eagle; maternal grandparents, Edward and Constance Bear; Daddy, Gilbert Eagle; Dad, Donald Good Bird; sister, Georgine Eagle; brother, George Eagle; son, Kevin Johnson and grandson, Cameron Johnson.

| OCTOBER 2015   |  |                                    |   |   |  |  |
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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue                                | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
|  |  |                                    |   | 1   | 2 Education Meeting Economic Committee – tribal chambers   | 3  |
| 4  | 5 Community wide substance abuse prevention training 11:00 am Budget Meeting in Bismarck Community Champion Training – Complex 8:30 - 4:30 | 6 11 am budget meeting in Bismarck | 7 Health Care Coverage Meeting 9 am, culture center. Attendance required WS Project Meeting 1 pm Arikara UCC church – Bingo Fundraiser 6:00pm | 8 Corn Festival – 5pm, White Shield gym. Tribal Business Council meeting 10 am. | 9  | 10   |
| 11 Ladies Auxiliary meeting 2 PM People for Change Meeting 6PM | 12 All Chiefs Day                                       | 13 NRC & O&G Roads meeting 11 am   | 14 Judicial meeting 10 am NRC 1 pm  | 15  | 16   | 17   |
| 18   | 19   | 20                                 | 21  | 22 Tribal Water Law Conference @ San Diego                                      | 23 Tribal Water Law Conference @ San Diego   | 24   |
| 25   | 26   | 27                                 | 28 11:00 am Segment staff meeting (WS Projects at Complex) Community/Segment Up date 6:30 Complex   | 29 ND School Board Convention   | 30 WS Masquerade @ complex  | 31 Halloween  |



***Council presents Gov. Jack Dalryhmples a star quilt. L to R are: Cory Spotted Bear, Twin Buttes; Merv Packineau, Parshall Segment; Fred Fox, White Shield Segment; Mark Fox, Chairman; Gov Dalrywample, Randy Phalan, Mandaree Segment; Ken Hall, New Town and Frank Grady, Four Bears Segment.***

